

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting

Friday, June 10, 2016

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

12:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

Note: These are summary minutes; a tape recording of this meeting is on file in Commission Secretary's Office in Wolcott Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Gale Lanza Mastrofrancesco, Francis Masi, Roger Picard, Joseph Membrino, Donald Charette Sr., Rachel Wisler, and Jeffrey Slavin

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Phelan

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Linda R. Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer; et al.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated June 9th from Town Councilman George Phelan regarding the Town of Wolcott Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017

ADOPT TOWN OF WOLCOTT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017:

At this time, Mayor Dunn came forward and stated that he submitted revised revenues and expenditures for the FY 2016-2017 proposed budget (**see attached**). He noted that at the last meeting several taxpayers dedicated to the library spoke against any proposed cuts. It was very difficult to find areas in the budget to cut. He advised that the library will be operational. He met with the Library Board twice and they will be cutting down on some hours of operation and will be eliminating the Assistant position. These were tough decisions but they had to be made. He gave the Library Board the option to decide how they could cut down on the hours. It appears that the library will be open Monday through Saturday, but will close on Sundays.

Vice-Chairman Mastrofrancesco inquired if it is correct that the total decrease in the proposed General Government budget is \$125,000, at which time Mayor Dunn replied that was correct. She added that the Board of Ed's decrease is \$150,000.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **adopt** a General Government budget for FY 2016-2017, in the amount of \$20,370,368.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **adopt an** Education budget for FY 2016-2017 in the amount of \$33,631,095.

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Chairman Valletta advised that they have a total expenditure budget for FY 2016-2017 of \$54,001,463.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, it was unanimously voted to **approve** a revenue budget, excluding property taxes, for FY 2016-2017 in the amount of \$17,015,212.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Donald Charette, it was unanimously voted to **set** the back tax property collection figure at \$500,000.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Joseph Membrino, it was unanimously voted to **set** current property taxes for FY 2016-2017 at \$36,486,251.

SET MILL RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017:

At this time, Chairman Valletta advised that they will proceed with the mill rate calculation, using the Grand List figure of \$1,281,503,699.

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **set** the tax collection rate at 98.5%.

Chairman Valletta advised that the Grand List is now reduced by a tax collection rate of 98.5% which totals \$1,262,281,144.

Upon by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **set** the mill rate at 28.91 mills for FY 2016-2017.

At this time, Mr. Membrino advised that tonight the Wolcott Varsity Baseball Team is in a State Tournament at Palmer Field. He would like to wish them a lot of luck.

Mr. Slavin stated that this was a very tough budget year and that he would like to commend the Council, the Board of Education, and the Mayor for working well together as a team.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

David Valletta, Chairman
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

George M. Phelan
100 South Colman Road
Wolcott, CT 06716
June 9, 2016

Members: Wolcott Town Council
10 Kenea Avenue
Wolcott, CT 06716

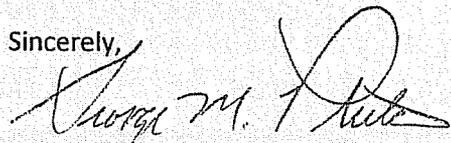
Dear Fellow Council Members,

As you are all aware, due to work constraints, I am unable to be there with you to cast a vote on the budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. I was asked by my fellow Democratic council members to write this letter so that my personal thoughts might be known and incorporated into the minutes of the special meeting of June 10, 2016.

After much deliberation with my counterparts I endorse the passage of the proposed budget, but with much reservation. I understand that it is only a single vote on my part that would either help pass or defeat the entire proposed budget, which incorporates both the General Government Budget and the Board of Education Budget. It is my wish to let my fellow council members know that I had hoped to cut the Board of Education's budget much more deeply than the \$150,000.00 suggested but I realize that compromises must be made in order for the continued smooth operation of our Town.

I once again apologize for not being able to physically be there with you and place my trust in you all to do what is right for the Town of Wolcott.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George M. Phelan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George M. Phelan - Councilmember

THOMAS G. DUNN
MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF WOLCOTT

June 7, 2016

Chairman David Valletta
Wolcott Town Council
10 Kenea Ave
Wolcott, CT 06716

Dear Chairman Valletta,

Please see the attached Revenue & Expenditure revisions to the Town of Wolcott 2016-2017 Proposed Budget that was presented to the Wolcott Town Council on March 31, 2016 in accordance with Sec. 702 of the Wolcott Town Charter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas G. Dunn', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor, Town of Wolcott

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**TOWN OF WOLCOTT 2016-2017
PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS**

		PROPOSED EXPENDITURE		
		Current	Revised	<u>Change</u>
01-1-112-2-2500	Unemployment Comp	22,000	50,350	28,350
01-1-112-4-4410	Maint.-Town Buildings	33,000	48,504	15,504
01-1-112-8-8135	Historical Society	5,000	3,500	(1,500)
01-1-151-1-1130	Salary/Assistants	57,770	56,086	(1,684)
01-1-151-2-2200	Social Security	6,450	6,320	(130)
01-1-151-2-2305	Defined Contrib Pension	4,845	3,200	(1,645)
01-1-152-1-1105	Salary/Chief Acct	66,515	64,575	(1,940)
01-1-152-2-2200	Social Security	19,560	19,025	(535)
01-1-152-2-2305	Defined Contrib Pension	2,725	5,690	2,965
01-1-153-1-1300	Temporary Help	2,500	0	(2,500)
01-1-163-1-1100	Salary/Administrative	35,320	34,980	(340)
01-2-221-2-2305	Defined Contrib Pension	0	640	640
01-2-221-4-4901	Insurance Supplement	57,163	53,928	(3,235)
01-2-222-2-2305	Defined Contrib Pension	0	555	555
01-3-311-7-7300	Capital Outlay	2,000	0	(2,000)
01-3-311-7-7329	Capital Lease	40,000	39,000	(1,000)
01-5-551-1-1100	Salary/Administrative	128,460	71,805	(56,655)
01-5-551-1-1140	Wages - Operations	200,040	143,820	(56,220)
01-5-551-2-2200	Social Security	25,750	17,120	(8,630)
01-5-551-5-5900	Books, Magazines	55,000	52,000	(3,000)
01-5-551-7-7300	Capital Outlay	38,350	6,350	(32,000)
	SUBTOTAL (Decrease)	802,448	677,448	(125,000)
01-3-311-7-7120	LOCIP ***	114,479	228,958	114,479
	TOTAL	916,927	906,406	(10,521)
	PROPOSED			20,380,889
	REVISED			20,370,368
*** LOCIP - FY 2015/2016 rolled into 2016/2017				

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT 2016-2017
PROPOSED BUDGET REVISIONS**

		PROPOSED REVENUE		
		Current	Revised	<u>Change</u>
01-2-050-201	ECS	13,621,228	13,516,067	(105,161)
01-2-050-202	Transportation	119,659	0	(119,659)
01-2-050-205	Adult Education	3,890	4,290	400
01-2-053-249	MRSA	490,659	340,859	(149,800)
01-2-053-254	RWA Pilot	8,797	9,092	295
01-2-053-255	Elderly Tax Relief CB	163,994	161,984	(2,010)
01-2-053-256	Veteran Exemption	24,984	28,257	3,273
01-2-053-260	Tax Relief Totally Disabled	2,777	2,248	(529)
01-2-053-262	Pequot Funds	61,523	61,364	(159)
01-5-153-505	Interest & Lien Fees	205,000	240,000	35,000
	SUBTOTAL (Decrease)	14,702,511	14,364,161	(338,350)
01-2-053-264	LOCIP ***	114,479	228,958	114,479
	TOTAL	14,816,990	14,593,119	(223,871)
	PROPOSED			17,239,083
	REVISED			17,015,212
*** LOCIP - FY 2015/2016 rolled into 2016/2017				

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT
2016/2017 BUDGET
MILL RATE CALCULATION**

EXPENDITURES

General Government Budget	\$20,370,368	
Education Budget	\$33,631,095	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$54,001,463</u>

REVENUES

Excluding Property Tax - Budget as Presented	(\$17,015,212)	
Net Expenditures - To be Raised by Property Tax	<u>\$36,986,251</u>	
Back Property Taxes	(\$500,000)	
Current Property Taxes	<u>\$36,486,251</u>	
Court Stipulations	<u>\$0</u>	
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES		<u>\$36,486,251</u>

Grand List - Net After Appeals Reduction	<u>\$1,281,503,699</u>	
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Grand List Reduced to a Collection Rate Percentage of:	98.50%	<u>\$1,262,281,144</u>
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MILL RATE - 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR

Taxes		Grand List		=	
<u>\$36,486,251</u>	÷	<u>\$1,262,281,144</u>			<u>28.91</u>

CURRENT MILL RATE - 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR	<u>28.08</u>
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MILL RATE INCREASE / (DECREASE)	<u>0.83</u>
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